(c) to (e) Infanticide is a crime under the Indian Penal Code. The persons found involved in such offences are proceeded against as per law. The Government of India views this with the greatest concern and has taken it up with the concerned State Governments for intensifying interventions for checking this criminal practice and for punishing the guilty through utmost vigilence and effective implementation of laws.

Recognition of Unions of Geological Survey of India

2583. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the new rules for recognition of Associations notified by Department of Personnel and Training in O.M. No. 2/10/80-JCA, dated 9.11.93 are applicable to Geological Survey of India;

(b) if so, whether these rules were implemented in the Geological Survey of India;

(c) whether any union was recognised under new Recognition Rules, if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if no union has been recognised, what is the procedure followed to deal with industrial problems after 4.5.95 as no recognised union can function under old Adhoc Rules?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) These rules are under implementation.

(c) Till date no union has been granted recognition under the new rules as the process of granting recognition is yet to be completed.

(d) GSI is a Subordinate Office of the Ministry of Mines and as such not required to deal with Industrial Problems. However, the Grievances of the employees are discussed with the existing Association/Unions/individuals to settle the same.

Tour organised by employees of Geological Survey of India

2584. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD: Will the Minister of MINES be pleased to state:

(a) how may Group "C' and "D' employees were allowed to go to Calcutta on tour during the last week of April and first week of May, 1995 from various Regional and Circle Offices of Geological Survey of India;

(b) whether these tours were organised by various Heads of Regions and Circles to enable the employees to attend a Union meeting;

(c) what were the jobs entrusted to them and whether such jobs required deputation of employees on tour; and

(d) the total amount of expenditure incurred on all employees who were on tour to Calcutta during the above period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES (SHRI BALRAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

Reservation for Backward Classes in Educational Institutions

2585. SHRI JANARDAN YADAV: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to provide reservation for the students belonging to backward classes in the educational institutions;

(b) if so, by when the orders are likely to be issued in this regard; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) to (c) This issue would have to be discussed with political parties to evolve a consensus in the matter.

Rule for Out of Turn allotment of Government Accommodation

2586. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to refer to the answer given in part (c) of the Unstarred Question No. 1856, given in the Rajya Sabha on 24th March, 1995, regarding the allotment of Government residential accommodation and state:

(a) whether the reasons for relaxing the rules for making out of turn allotments have to be recorded in writing;

(b) if so, whether this requirement was complied with; and